

REMARKS**Claim Status**

Claims 1-5, 7 and 13-18 are pending in this application. Claim 3 is allowed. Claim 4 is objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 13-18 stand rejected. Claims 1, 2 and 5 are amended herein. No new matter is added by way of these amendments. Claim 18 is canceled herein without prejudice. New claim 20 is added herein, directed to the species deleted from claim 1. Accordingly, no new matter is added by way of the new claim. Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested. Following entry of the amendment, claims 1-5, 7, 13-17 and 20 are now pending and under examination.

Objection to the Title

The Office has objected to the title as not descriptive enough. The title is amended herein to adopt the title proposed by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but is indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter, but respectfully submit that the amendment to claim 1 obviates the objection to claim 4.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 13-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. The recitation of R^1 as C_{1-6} cycloalkyl is said to render claims 1, 2, 7, 13-15 indefinite. In claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 16 and 17, the variables " R^3 , R^{4a} " and " R^{19} , R^{20a} " are objected to as not written in the alternative. Claim 1 is further objected to because the five species indicated on

page 4 of the Office Action are said not to be embraced within claim 1. In claim 5, the second species is objected to as lacking sufficient antecedent basis in claim 3. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended herein to recite that R^1 may be a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl. For clarity, claims 1 and 2 are further amended to recite the variables " R^3 and R^4 " and " R^{19} and R^{20} " to address the objection to related to these substituents.

With respect to the objection that five of the species recited in pending claim 1 are not embraced within claim 1 (Office Action at page 4), the Applicants respectfully submit that each of these species falls within the scope of the generic structure presented in claim 1. Nevertheless, to facilitate prosecution, the indicated species are deleted from claim 1 and presented in a new, independent claim, i.e., claim 20, overcoming this basis for rejection.

With respect to claim 5, the inclusion of the second species shown was objected to as lacking sufficient antecedent basis in claim 3. Claim 1 is amended herein to include the species shown in claim 5, and claim 5 is amended to depend from claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants traverse the rejection.

Solely to facilitate prosecution, claim 18 is canceled herein, rendering the rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. docket No. 415852001000. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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